



WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 13, 1910.

CONGRESS will cast economy to the four winds if it adopts the Townsend bill favorably reported a few days ago by the House committee on military affairs. This is the bill which creates a retired list for volunteer officers of the army, navy and marine corps who served in the civil war. An amendment offered by Representative Sherwood, of Ohio, which provides pay of \$1 a day for all soldiers incapacitated in the civil war, was added in committee. Without the Sherwood amendment this legislation will cost the government \$15,000,000 a year, and that amendment will, of course, bring the total far above that figure. The War Department is opposed to this legislation, which is being pushed by the National Association of Surviving Union Volunteer Officers of the civil war. Coming on the eve of an election there is little hope that the House will have the courage to defeat the bill, and, in view of the strong insurgent strength in the Senate, its fate there is problematical. It will be possible, of course, for the president to veto the measure, but that course would be bedeviled with no little embarrassment.

THE development of underweighting frauds in sugar imported by the sugar trust at New Orleans, no less flagrant than the similar frauds in New York, furnishes added proof of the methodical stealing, but it should not serve to divert attention from the tangle in the federal courts. After having debauched the politics and debased the revenue service of the United States to an extent never previously approached and after having practically plead guilty by paying back millions of stolen money, the trust now insolently snags its fingers in the face of justice by refusing to produce given special books except with the condition of immunity for the officials consenting to their delivery. The Philadelphia Record timely asks: "If the trust may so defy the process of the courts and deny the hand of the government, does it not serve to engender in the common mind of common people a contempt for laws which catch in their net the ordinary thief and let extraordinary thieves escape?"

THE wife of Michael Kinsel, living at Exeter, Pa., burned up his wooden leg on Sunday in preventing him going to a saloon. Yesterday he had her arrested and taken before Alderman John O'Donohue. She admitted burning the leg. "It was the only way to keep him home," she explained. "He would go out every Friday night and get drunk, so in a fit of anger I took his leg and burned it. It was as much mine as his, anyway," she declared. The alderman thought it was, too, and dismissed the case.

IF a bill introduced in the Senate by Mr. Gillinger becomes a law, drunkenness in the District of Columbia will be considered a misdemeanor. Under the administration of a former mayor of Alexandria an order was issued to arrest and lock up all drunken men seen upon the streets and when the order was put into effect it had a most sobering effect.

NOTWITHSTANDING predictions that he would be roughly handled, the editor of the Moorefield (W. Va.) Examiner continues to publish a conspicuous place in his paper. The editor says he intends to publish the name of every person who has refused to pay for his paper. If papers generally published the names of delinquent subscribers many of them would have to be enlarged.

From Washington.

Official confirmation of the announcement that Col. Roosevelt will address the National Conservation Congress next September was received today in a cable message from Gifford Pinchot, who is in G. O. to Thomas R. Shipp, secretary of the congress. Shipp said that no decision has been reached regarding the city in which the Congress will be held further than that it will be within the territory between Chicago and Denver. An announcement is expected soon.

The presence in town of District Attorney Shinn, of New York, who prosecuted the cases against the sugar trust, and of Collector of Customs Lieb, whose activities had much to do with the recovery of large sums of money from that trust as penalties for under weighing frauds, gave rise today to rumors that a new attack was contemplated by the government upon the American Sugar Refining Company. Such is not the case. The government is, however, proceeding with all the diligence possible in the prosecution of its inquiry started long ago into the dealings of the sugar trust. The House committee on expenditures in the Treasury Department, on which Representative Hill of Connecticut is chairman has long been anxious to conduct an investigation on its own account into the fraudulent transactions of the sugar trust at New York. The efforts in this direction have been so far prevented by the administration on the grounds that a congressional inquiry at this time might defeat the ends of justice by giving immunity to some of the officials of the trust who may perhaps yet be convicted under the proceedings now pending.

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SENATE

Dr. H. W. Wiley submitted an elaborate statement upon the cold storage industry.

The Massachusetts G. A. B. has asked through Senator Lodge that Virginia voluntarily withdraw the statue of General Lee from Statuary Hall.

Discussion of the administration railroad bill, was not resumed in the Senate today until well after two o'clock. No orators were prepared to speak and the wrangling over amendments was deferred until the measure came up in the regular way.

HOUSE

Immediately after the House convened today Mr. H. H. H. (Tex.) made another ineffectual attempt to secure a ruling from the speaker on the rule that a quorum must appear before the journal could be read.

A scant handful of members were present when the clerk began the reading of yesterday's parliamentary record. Today is the second attempt by Mr. Henry to secure a ruling on the matter. In a statement last week the speaker declared that a quorum was always constructively present and that it lay with members to raise the point, and not specifically the duty of the speaker.

Amendments relating to the adulteration of drugs, as applied to the enforcement of the pure food and drug act, are proposed in a bill introduced by Mr. Outley.

The committee on agriculture made its report recommending that George Washington University should share in the Morrill act benefits.

The same committee sketched the Lifean bill requiring a uniform packing system for apples.

Today's Telegraphic News

Judge Wickham a Candidate.

[Special dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.]

Richmond, April 13.—Judge Asbury Wickham, of Hanover, today announced his candidacy for the Third district democratic congressional nomination. Ex-Governor Montagu will probably not oppose Osgood Lamb. Judge Wickham is a member of the state Senate. He represented the minority report in the R. R. case.

A second post-office robbery occurred here between Saturday and Monday when the safe in a sub-station on East Marshall street was pilfered of cash to the amount of about two hundred dollars. There is no clue.

Urges Roosevelt Party to be His Guests.

Porto Maurizio, Italy, April 13.—Emperor William, of Germany, gave another signal demonstration today of the high regard in which he holds Theodore Roosevelt in a personal letter to the president in which he urges Mr. Roosevelt and his children to be his guests at the palace during the three days that Mr. Roosevelt is entertained there in May.

While it is presumed that Mrs. Roosevelt at least would share with her husband the hospitality of the Kaiser, the fact that he laid aside official red tape long enough to urge in a personal letter that the entire family accept of his hospitality is considered noteworthy.

The farewell accorded the colonel was almost as spontaneous as the reception on last Saturday evening. The welcome posters that decorated all the dead walls of the town were replaced by posters bidding him farewell and wishing him a safe journey. "Good-bye, Roosevelt! Come Back Soon," read many of the posters.

In addition to this the mayor of Porto Maurizio issued an official proclamation early in the day, setting forth that "our most distinguished fellow citizen" was about to leave the city. The document felicitated the colonel and expressed the pleasure and honor the city had derived from his visit.

It called upon the citizens to decorate the railway with flowers and they responded until the little parade building took on the aspect of a bridal altar.

The carriage that conveyed the Roosevelt family from the village to the railway station was pelted with flowers all along the line. Huge bouquets were presented to Mrs. Roosevelt and her daughter.

All work was suspended during the afternoon in order that everyone could have a farewell look at Roosevelt.

Four-fifths of the town population of 6,000 were at the station and cheered and chattered until the train pulled out.

Paris, April 13.—It is probable that former President Roosevelt and King Edward will meet in Paris next week. Word from Biarritz, where the king is now on an outing, today says he will visit Paris next week, en route home, and that he will call on President Fallières the same day that the president is to give a dinner in honor of Roosevelt. Editorials will be made to bring the two distinguished visitors together.

Hartbridge Loses Suit.

New York, April 13.—A jury in the United States Circuit Court, today refused to allow Attorney Clifford W. Hartbridge, one of the attorneys for Harry K. Thaw, in his trial for killing Stanford White, one cent of damages in the suit he brought for \$94,000. Judge Holt at the same time ordered perjury and debatement proceedings to be brought against Hartbridge. Hartbridge, who had already been paid about \$50,000 by the Thaw family, said for an additional \$94,000.

Anti-government Plot.

Sils, April 13.—Another anti-government plot, engineered by friends of Abdul Hamid, the deposed sultan, has been discovered at Constantinople, according to today's dispatch. A number of mysterious arrests have been made. Among those are several Bays and prominent officials under Abdul. There are evidences that the plot was the most threatening of recent months. The guard about Abdul's villa at Salonika, in which he is a prisoner, has been doubled.

Jail on Fire.

New Haven, Conn., April 13.—The New Haven County jail, which is crowded with prisoners to overflowing, is on fire and is reported to be burning fiercely. Three alarms have been sent in and practically the entire fire department has been dispatched to the scene.

The blaze started in the jail chair shop which has been destroyed. The flames are now destroying the machine shop, adjacent to the chair shop. At 10:30 o'clock it was announced that all the prisoners are safe. Several companies of the Second Regiment Connecticut National Guard, with loaded rifles, surrounded the jail and took out all the 315 prisoners in time to prevent their being burned to death. Sixteen firemen are missing.

City Council.

A considerable volume of general business was transacted last night at the regular meeting of the City Council. There was a joint session at which Mr. Robert S. Barrett was elected police commissioner from the First ward.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Mr. Billinger introduced a resolution, which was referred to the committee on streets, for the improvement of Pitt street, between Queen and Princess.

Mr. Summers introduced a resolution appropriating \$625 for improving Wilkes street from Alfred to Patrick; also south Henry street. This was also referred to the committee on streets.

Mr. Field introduced an ordinance to amend and reordain section 10, chapter 16, of the code of 1874, in reference to the sale of bread, and providing for the sale of the same by weight in future. The ordinance was referred to the committee on general laws.

Mr. Bill called attention to the withdrawal of the city car of the electric railway, and alluded to the fact that according to the ordinance recently passed by the City Council the car was to be operated until the completion of the improvements on upper King street. He asked who had given permission for the withdrawal of the car.

President O'Brien said he was acting as mayor at present, and he had given no such permission.

It was generally agreed that no person was authorized to grant the permission. A resolution directing the city engineer to proceed with the work of extending the south Royal street sewer, received from the Common Council at the last meeting and laid over, was read.

On motion of Mr. Marbury it was ordered to remain on the table, as permission to run the sewer through the property of the electric railway company had been obtained and bids were about to be invited for the work.

A communication from Mount Vernon Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, asking permission to place a drinking fountain at the intersection of Cameron and Royal streets, was received from the Common Council, that board having granted the permission.

Mr. Ballenger objected to a concurrence saying that the spot designated for the fountain was not a proper one, or it would be the cause of congesting traffic, especially on Saturdays when numbers of country people came to the city. Besides, the intersection of Cameron and Royal streets was not a central point. He also asked who was to furnish the water.

Mr. Marbury stated that if Council granted the privilege asked for the chapter would make arrangements for the water.

Mr. Summers favored a concurrence. He said a fountain would not only be beneficial to people, but to horses and dogs also.

Mr. Hill moved that the Aldermen concur in the action of the lower board. He said the chapter would erect the fountain at their own cost, and it was the first time any such proposition had been made to Council without an expectation of the city paying something.

Mr. Ballenger still opposed granting the prayer of the petitioners. He placed the city, he said, in the unenviable position of a mendicant.

Mr. Marbury again favored concurrence, and reiterated that the proposed fountain would be a benefit to man and beast and would not cost the city anything.

The motion to concur was renewed and upon a vote being taken it was declared by President O'Brien to have been carried.

Mr. Billinger asked for a division when the motion was again declared carried by a vote of 7 to 1.

The Aldermen, after concurring in the action of the Common Council by unanimous votes on all other papers sent in, repaired to the chamber of the lower board for the purpose of participating in the election of a police commissioner from the Fourth ward, and upon their return adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Council was called to order at 8:10 o'clock with 15 members present.

A request of Mr. H. B. Richards to build a frame addition to his home, 208 Wolfe street, was referred to the street committee, under the new building law.

The committee on streets reported in favor of granting permission to Mr. Vernon Chapter, D. A. R., to erect a public fountain for "men, horses and dogs," at the southeast corner of Royal and Cameron streets instead of the center of that intersection.

Mr. Leadbeater explained that the committee thought the fountain in the center of the streets might interfere with traffic.

Mr. Snowden had hoped that the committee would see fit to allow the fountain in the middle of the intersection and he moved that this permission be granted.

Mr. Leadbeater said that permission from the legislature was might be necessary to place the fountain in the street, the corporation attorney had stated that the city had no right to grant the use of its street.

Mr. Snowden stated that the Confederate monument stood in the center of Prince and Washington streets at their intersection, and he would like to see any one try to take it down. He further explained that the proposed fountain would be an ornate affair to cost about \$1,000, all to be borne by the ladies; this was the age for benevolence by ladies and it was an opportunity to have a handsome fountain erected without cost to the city.

The ladies had selected the spot because it was near Washington's old headquarters and in a direct line from and in view of Christ Church.

Mr. Smith wanted to know if the corporation attorney had given it as his opinion that it would be unlawful to erect a fountain at the place mentioned.

Mr. Marshall said he would pay no attention to the legislature as Alexandria could manage her own affairs.

Mr. Spinks said it was ridiculous to talk about it being unlawful to erect a fountain on our streets as they were used by railroads, telegraph companies &c. without hindrance.

Mr. Leadbeater would urge no objection to the erection of the fountain and the report as amended by Mr. Snowden was passed permitting the placing of the fountain at the intersection of the streets.

The committee on light recommended that five incandescent lamps be erected on Fairfax street between Princess street and the Old Dominion Glass Works, instead of the three arc lamps petitioned for, and this report was adopted.

The finance committee recommended that additional appropriations amounting to \$12,700 be made. This was distributed as follows: Streets and sewers, \$10,000; fire plugs, \$100; city jail, \$400; fire department, \$300; elect on expenses, \$100; city council, \$100, street cleaning, \$800.

Messrs. Snowden and Uhler were unable to understand the necessity for the extra appropriation of \$10,000 for street work as each piece of work ordered had been provided for.

Messrs. Leadbeater and Burke spoke in favor of the passage of this bill as they believed it to be necessary under the law and that the money had practically been expended.

Messrs. Uhler and Snowden expressed surprise that so much money had been spent before council had been notified.

The bill called for a very general debate in which nearly every member of council joined, most of the members speaking several times.

Mr. Evans moved that the matter be referred and Mr. Leadbeater moved that the report be adopted and there was some discussion as to the precedence of these motions. Mr. Evans amended his motion to read that the item of \$10,000 for streets be referred and the rest of the report adopted.

Mr. Smith offered as a substitute that the entire report be adopted and this substitute was passed, yeas 10, nays 3; not voting 2.

Mr. Marshall read a letter from the Howard Clock Company relating to the dials on the town clock giving a price of \$110 on one dial or \$312 for 3 dials. He stated that recently another one of the dials had been broken and he was considering the advisability of purchasing three new dials to conform with the style of the new one.

A resolution directing the public property committee to ascertain and report the cost of whitewashing the hucksters' market was referred to the committee on public property and to the commissioners of the sinking fund.

The Relief Hook and Ladder Company petitioned council to raise the pay of their driver to \$60 per month and this was referred to the committee on finance.

Mr. Marshall hoped the petition would be granted. He said that at 2 o'clock one morning recently while he was reading Confucius he observed that the driver of the truck had responded very promptly to a call showing that he was always on the job.

A petition from J. A. Cogan to make a sink repairs to his property, 618 and 620 King street, was referred to the street committee.

A petition from the employees of the Fire Department that their pay be raised \$5 per month was referred to the committee on finance.

A communication was received from W. T. Basos, in which he stated that Queen and Oronoco streets, contemplated using asphalt oil on that street during the summer months to keep down the dust, and asking that the roadway be placed in proper order before the work is begun. It was referred to the street committee.

A petition asking a sewer for the square on Columbus between Pendleton and Wythe streets was received and referred to the committee on streets.

An ordinance to establish the curb grade on Washington street from Wythe street to the city line was referred to the committee on streets. Its passage at once was asked for by some of the members though it had to refer the matter. Mr. Uhler stated that under the ordinance the "dish" would not be taken out of upper Washington street. Mr. Marshall said he never had favored the north Washington street improvement as it was planned, and opposed immediate action on the ordinance.

The school board asked for a total appropriation of \$3,600, half to be used for installing sanitary closets in Washington school building for boys, and the other \$1,800 for improvements at Lee school for girls. This was referred to the finance committee.

A petition from Mrs. Sophie A. Smith to erect a frame building at the southwest corner of Patrick and Princess streets was referred to the street committee.

A resolution appropriating \$625 for gutters on Wilkes street, between Alfred and Henry, and on Henry street from Wilkes to Gibson, and one of \$400 for repairs to Pitt street, between Queen and Princess, were referred to the same committee.

A bill from Charles Mumford for services as quarantine guard for 65 days at \$1.25 per day was referred to the finance committee.

An ordinance to amend the bread law so as to provide that all bread offered for sale in the city should bear a label stating its true weight came from the Aldermen and was referred to the committee on general laws.

On motion of Mr. Brumback the Aldermen were invited to join Council in the election of a police commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Zoro Hill of the First ward.

JOINT SESSION.

When the joint meeting was called to order, Aldermen O'Brien presiding, Alderman Hill nominated Mr. Robert S. Barrett and Mr. Leadbeater seconded the nomination. Mr. Barrett was unanimously elected.

The joint meeting then dissolved and Council adjourned.

Official.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Alexandria, Va., held April 12, 1910, there were present:

J. E. N. Curtin, esq., President, and Messrs. Hill, Brill, Marbury, Ballenger, Field, Fitzgerald and Summers.

A report of the Committee on Streets and Finance recommending the passage of a resolution appropriating \$3,000 for the construction of the sewer in the northwestern section of the city, received from the Common Council March 22, 1910, and laid over, was read and their action concurred in.

Report of the Committee on Public Property and Finance recommending an appropriation of \$14.0 for repairs to the exterior of the market, and Police and Corporation Court House, received from the Common Council March 22, 1910, and laid over, was read and their action concurred in.

A resolution directing the City Engineer to proceed with the work of extending the sewer in accordance with the ordinance recently passed, received from the Common Council March 22, 1910, and laid on the table, was, on motion of Mr. Marbury, ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Summers introduced an ordinance to amend and reordain section 10, chapter 16, of the code of the city of Alexandria, 1874, which was referred to the Committee on General Laws.

A bill of Charles Mumford, \$31.75, for services as guard, was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Ballenger introduced the following, which was referred to the Committee on Streets:

Resolved, That the sum of \$400 or as much thereof as may be necessary and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of

Virginia News.

Oliver Opperhaver, of Clarke county, was killed by an explosion in the laboratory of the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railroad shops at Irwin, Tenn., on Monday. Only a few months ago he married Miss Carrie Cooper, of Roanoke.

From reports received from various sections of the State by Commissioner of Agriculture Kainer, it seems that the recent frost did practically no damage to the fruit crop. To all appearances, the state will have the biggest fruit crop in its history, for a tremendous output of blossoms is heard of everywhere.

Edward M. Daniel, who had been with his father, Senator Daniel, for a month at Daytona, Fla., returned to Lynchburg yesterday. He set a his father's progress in the past ten days has been satisfactory, but a conference of the physicians Saturday night resulted in a decision not to attempt to move Major Daniel. This will, it is believed, be deferred at least two weeks.

A mutiny at the State Military Academy yesterday resulted in the expulsion of four cadet captains and eight lieutenants. Forty or 50 others left school out of sympathy. The cadets took things into their own hands yesterday morning, broke barracks and took holiday all day, including the streets in the rain, many of them with neither coats nor hats on. It seems that it had been the custom of the school to give holiday on the day following an athletic victory. The ball team won from Augusta Academy Monday. The cadets claimed they deserved a holiday, and proceeded to take it regardless of school authorities. There are 300 in the corps.

At Staunton yesterday Miss Susie Baldwin, Robertson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander E. Robertson, was married to Mr. Peyton Cochran, of that city. Only relatives and a few intimate friends witnessed the ceremony. Bishop Robert A. Gibson, uncle of the bride, officiated, assisted by Rev. Robert C. Jett, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, of that city.

A pretty wedding took place at 1 o'clock yesterday at Manassas, Fairfax county, was that of Miss C. Orrick Swann to Mr. C. A. Swann, of Falls Church, Va. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Francis Swann Williams, by the Rev. Mr. Colander, pastor of Old Falls Church, in the presence of the two families and a few intimate friends.

News of the Day.

Plans are afoot to carve the face and figure of the late Thomas F. Walsh, the Colorado "Silver King," who died in Washington, on a mountain cliff overlooking the famous Camp Bird mine.

THE METHODISTS.

The eighty-second annual session of the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church was brought to a close last night in Baltimore with the reading of the plan of appointments for the ensuing year by President J. M. Sheridan.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Sheridan appointed a commission to confer with a similar commission from the New Jersey Conference in the regard to the proposed merger of the two conferences.

The conference also directed that the secretary send a letter in the name of the conference to Senators Gallagher, of New Hampshire, and Smith, of Maryland, urging them to support the Gallagher-Bancroft bill in which Congress seeks to control the sale of intoxicating liquors in the District of Columbia.

The committee on foreign missions reported great increase in the work in Japan, and the attempt to win 1,000 converts in that empire was commended. The committee which considered the laymen's missionary movement reported that the effort of this movement to evangelize the world in this generation was a worthy one, and recommended the formation of a laymen's committee in each church, and that a monthly collection for missions be taken in order that \$50,000 may be raised for work in Japan.

The receipts of the past year of the foreign mission board were \$9,065. For general interests during the year \$28,900 was raised, and for local interests \$255,128. An appeal was made for an increase in the contribution to the church extension fund, and \$1,200 was added to the assessment for this work.

The steward's report showed receipts for church extension to be \$1,729.27, and the disbursement, \$5,141.18, leaving a deficit of \$3,411.91. The special committee to whom was referred the subject of conference evangelism, reported that the president should appoint a conference church extension evangelist, who should receive a salary of \$1,000 a year and expenses, which should be contributed by the board and raised by contributions from the churches which he visited. Among the appointments were referred to Alexandria, J. M. Holmes; Cherrydale, R. W. C. (supp.); Fairfax, W. C. Mumford (supp.); New Market, W. H. D. Johnson.

Decision in the Cooper Case.

Nashville, Tenn., April 13.—The Tennessee Supreme Court today delivered its opinion in the case of Duncan B. and Robin Cooper charged with the murder of United States Senator Edward Carmack. The Coopers were convicted and sentenced to 20 years in prison. The Supreme Court affirmed the sentence as to Duncan B. Cooper, but reversed it as to Robin Cooper.

Would-be Assassin.

St. Etienne, France, April 13.—A man named Duplanel, believed to be insane, is under arrest here today for threatening to kill Premier Briand, who is now here on an electioneering tour. Duplanel tried to enter the hotel where Briand is stopping, declaring his intention to shoot the premier. He carried a revolver in a sash band.

Negro shot to Death.

Meridia, Miss., April 13.—Tom O'Neal the negro who bartered himself into the basement of the jail here after killing former Sheriff John Temple, was shot to death by the men that surrounded the jail shortly before noon today.

Fifty years' experience of an Old Nurse.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is the prescription of one of the best female physicians and nurses in the United States, and has been used for fifty years with ever-increasing success by millions of mothers for their children. It relieves the child from pain, cures diarrhea, griping in the bowels, and wind colic. By giving health to the child it keeps the mother. Twenty-five cents a bottle.